

Maggie Walker Pre-Visit

Grades: 4/5

Introduction Lesson: Eyes and Ears on Mrs. Maggie L. Walker

Ties to the Virginia Standards of Learning: VS.1f, VS.8c

Materials Needed: 11:40 minute video on The Maggie Lena Walker Story (video provided by NPS) vocabulary list, fact cards

Background Info: The movie captures the spirit of Maggie Lena Walker, who became a prominent civic leader, financier, and businesswoman during the 20th century. Direct students to pay close attention to the original photographs (from NPS archives) and quotations from Walker's writings. The movie will reveal Mrs. Walker's commitment to the social, economic, and cultural needs of African Americans.

Activity goals: Recall vocabulary and facts about Maggie Lena Walker.

Lesson Directions: Share background information with students.

1. The teacher will write the vocabulary list on the board/chart and allow students to define each word.
2. The teacher will emphasize the relationship between the words and Mrs. Walker.
3. The teacher will post pre-viewing questions on the board/chart. Review questions with students, allowing them to share their prior knowledge about Mrs. Walker.
4. Show 11:40 minute movie: The Maggie Lena Walker Story
5. After viewing the movie, the teacher will lead a discussion using **discussion prompts** below.
 - Mrs. Walker founded the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank
 - Mrs. Walker became the first African American female to establish a bank and to become a bank president.
 - Mrs. Walker opened a store, providing employment for women.
 - Mrs. Walker provided opportunities for children to learn about the Independent Order of St. Luke.
 - Mrs. Walker established a newspaper and was the editor.
 - Mrs. Walker was the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of IOSL.
 - Mrs. Walker was a civic leader and community organizer.
6. Students will answer the pre-viewing questions about Mrs. Walker.



7. Students will complete the story web worksheet about Maggie L. Walker.
8. (Technology Connection): Using computers and multimedia software students will create a story web about Maggie L. Walker.

Pre- Visit BIO Info:

- Born July 15, 1864, in Van Lew mansion, Richmond, VA
- Lived in Jackson Ward community
- Married Armstead Walker
- Had 3 sons Russell and Melvin (one son died during infancy)
- Died Dec. 15, 1934

Pre- Visit Vocabulary List

Emporium - department store

empower - to enable or to authorize

entrepreneur- a person who organizes, operates, and assumes the risk for a business

Independent Order of St. Luke - fraternal burial organization that administered to sick and aged. It encouraged individual self-help and integrity among the members.

Jackson Ward - African American neighborhood in Richmond, VA. Home of Maggie Walker located at 110 $\frac{1}{2}$ East Leigh Street.

St. Luke Herald - newspaper

president - someone appointed or elected to preside over an organized body of people; chief officer Mrs. Walker was the first African American female president of a bank in the United States.

Second Street - business center of Jackson Ward. Nicknamed - "The Deuce"

deposit - to put money in a bank or financial account

segregation - the separation of people, usually based on race or religion

artifacts - material evidence that people of long ago left behind

independent - self sustained

